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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTIONS 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED, A REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT, AND AN ISSUANCE OF A STATE SURFACE WATER PERMIT UNDER NH RSA 485-A:13, I(a).

DATE OF NOTICE: July 11, 2007

PERMIT NUMBER: NH0100706

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: NH-014-07

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Town of Lincoln
P.O. Box 25
Lincoln, NH 03251

NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Lincoln Wastewater Treatment Plant
Recycle Drive
Lincoln, New Hampshire 03251

RECEIVING WATER: East Branch Pemigewasset River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B

The Town of Lincoln has requested that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reissue its NPDES permit to discharge treated effluent into the receiving water (East Branch Pemigewasset River). This facility is a Publicly Owned Treatment Works engaged in the collection and treatment of municipal (sanitary) and industrial wastewater. Treatment is accomplished by two aerated lagoons with a design flow of 1.3 Million Gallons per Day (MGD).

The proposed permit contains wastewater discharge limitations consistent with the State's Surface Water Quality Regulations, appropriate conditions as adopted from the existing permit, and other ACT regulations. The proposed permit contains updated sludge conditions consistent with Section 405 of the ACT, with the latest State Standards (Env-Ws 800), and with the facility's current method of sludge disposal. In addition, the proposed permit contains other effluent limitations and

conditions necessary to ensure that the discharge receives adequate treatment and that the State's Class B water-quality standards are maintained in the receiving water. Specific effluent limitations in the proposed permit are for Five-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Total Suspended Solids, pH, Escherichia coli, Total Residual Chlorine, Total Recoverable Copper, Ammonia (as nitrogen) and Whole Effluent Toxicity.

The permit will expire five years from the effective date of issuance.

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division (NHDES-WD) have cooperated in the development of a draft permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure that State Water Quality Standards and provisions of the Clean Water Act will be met. EPA has formally requested that the State certify the draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified. However, sludge conditions in the draft permit are not subject to State certification requirements.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A fact sheet or a statement of basis (describing the type of facility; type and quantity of wastes; a brief summary of the basis for the draft permit conditions; and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing the draft permit) may be obtained at no cost at http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_nh.html by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

Mr. Suproakash Sarker
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region I
1 Congress Street Suite 1100 (CMP)
Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023
Telephone No.: (617) 918-1693
FAX No.: (617) 918-1505

The administrative record containing all documents relating to the draft permit is on file and may be inspected at the EPA Boston office mentioned above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by 8/9/07, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mr. Suproakash Sarker, Municipal Permits Branch, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (Mail Code: CMP), Boston,

Massachusetts 02114-2023. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and the State Agency for a public hearing to consider the draft permit. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on the draft permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND APPEALS:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

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